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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. RHODESIA. NIGERIAN PRESIDENT GENERAL OBASANJO HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR YOUNG THAT HE BASICALLY SUPPORTS ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA. AFTER OVERCOMING HIS INITIAL COOLNESS TO THE IDEA OF A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE, OBASANJO ARGUED THAT THE FORCE MUST HAVE A STRONG MANDATE AND PRESENCE IN ORDER TO PREVENT MILITARY, POLITICAL AND TRIBAL CONFLICT. HIS RESPONSE INDICATED A NIGERIAN WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN A UN FORCE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG URGED UNIFIED AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSALS, NOTING THAT ONLY THIS COULD NEUTRALIZE POSSIBLE RUSSIAN AND CHINESE OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN.

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AMBASSADOR MCHENRY BRIEFED OBASANJO ON THE LATEST NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS. OBASANJO RESPONDED BY DETAILING HIS ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE NUJOMA TOWARD MORE MODERATE POSITIONS. HE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAD TURNED U.S. AFRICAN POLICY AROUND, AND THAT IT WOULD BE "DISASTROUS" IF THE NEW DIRECTION WAS THWARTED BY BRITISH RELUCTANCE TO MOVE AHEAD VIGOROUSLY OR BY LACK OF AMERICAN

WILL TO PRESSURE SOUTH AFRICA.

YOUNG MEETS WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IN LAGOS ON AUGUST 26 BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH HIM TO LUSAKA FOR TALKS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS ON AUGUST 27-28. HE WILL ACCOMPANY OWEN FOR THE REST OF THE TRIP, INCLUDING VISITS TO SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND PERHAPS TO KENYA AND TANZANIA. WE PRESUME THAT THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE BRITISH ON SEPTEMBER 1 OR 2, AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO ALL THE PARTIES, INCLUDING SMITH.

2. CANAL TREATY. THE PANAMANIAN TREATY NEGOTIATORS HAVE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON. THEY WILL MEET WITH AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ AT 10:00 AM TOMORROW TO IRON OUT SOME REMAINING POINTS AND TO CONTINUE WORK TO ACHIEVE IDENTICAL ENGLISH AND SPANISH TREATY TEXTS.

AS OF THIS EVENING, WE ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO GET A FIRM DATE FOR THE TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY. IF IT GOES AHEAD ON SEPTEMBER 7, AS PLANNED, WE WILL SEND A MESSAGE FROM YOU TO BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT OF HIS SEPTEMBER 8-9 VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

3. ISRAEL'S JERICHO MISSILE. IRANIAN GENERAL TOUFANIAN, THE SHAH'S CHIEF ARMS BUYER, TOLD AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN IN SECRET

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TEHRAN THAT THE ISRAELI JERICHO MISSILE HAS BEEN DEPLOYED WITH THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE. HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WITNESSED A TEST FIRING OF THE MISSILE INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE JERICHO IS A MOBILE TWO-STAGE SOLID PROPELLANT BALLISTIC MISSILE WITH A MAXIMUM RANGE OF ABOUT 480 KILOMETERS AND A RELATIVELY LOW ACCURACY. DEVELOPMENT OF THE JERICHO BALLISTIC MISSILE FOR ISRAEL BEGAN IN FRANCE IN 1963. IN 1968, ISRAEL TOOK OVER THE PROJECT, BUYING PLANS, EQUIPMENT AND AT LEAST 11 MISSILES. WE BELIEVE THE ISRAELIS PROBABLY HAVE THE JERICHO AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT IN SMALL NUMBERS. IT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT WITH AN ADVANCED CLUSTER BOMB WARHEAD IT COULD BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST EXPOSED FORCES IN CERTAIN TACTICAL SITUATIONS.

4. INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA. I MET TODAY WITH LYLE LANE WHO WILL BE IN HAVANA NEXT WEEK TO OPEN OUR INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA. IN THE EARLY STAGES, HE WILL BE HEAVILY OCCUPIED WITH "HOUSEKEEPING" PROBLEMS AS THE CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE ARE STILL BADLY IN NEED OF REPAIR.

HOWEVER, SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN HAVANA, LANE WILL  
RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING AP AND UPI  
BUREAUS THERE IN EXCHANGE FOR A PRENSA LATINA OFFICE IN

WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, HE WILL PROPOSE A MEETING  
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBAN COAST GUARDS TO DISCUSS  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND AVOIDING INCIDENTS AT SEA.

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